

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Durburow House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Durburow Road, east of Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Route # 2 Smithsburg				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Elder				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 2 Box 531				
CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg			STATE: Maryland	
			21783	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 563/590				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered $\leq$ 50%			<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of Durburow Road, east of the Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road about two miles south of Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. The structure stands on relatively level ground south of the Little Antietam Creek. It faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay dwelling constructed of coursed local fieldstone. A two and a half story, <sup>four</sup> bay section extends to the west. There is no decorative masonry work associated with the exterior of the house. Seams in the west section suggest three separate building periods: The lower stories of the west two bays, the lower story comprising the two east bays of the west section and the entire upper story of the west section. Double porches extend along the front elevations of both sections.

Windows appear to have been spaced evenly in the front elevation of the main section. Other elevations display more random placement. Most frames are narrow and are trimmed with a beaded edge. Others are moderately wide showing pegged joining. All frames hold two over two pane Victorian period sashes with arched tops. At the front elevation of the main section, paneled shutters are present at the lower story windows while louvered shutters flank the upper story windows.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Paneled jambs line the entranceway which is faced with symmetrically moulded trim and decorated corner blocks. The door which retains its original hardware, has had its upper panels removed to allow for the installation of a glass piece. A transom tops the door. A second entrance is located in the north bay of the east elevation. It is sheltered by a small gable roofed entrance porch. A third door is located in the center bay of the rear or north elevation, about four feet above ground level. Other entrances are located in the ground, main and upper stories of the west section.

The roof, of modern asphalt shingles terminates at the end walls with a plain tapered barge board. Brick chimneys rise from inside each gable end of the west section. The eaves are finished with plain boxing.

The interior of the main section is bisected by a central stair and entrance hall flanked with pairs of rooms. The stair is rather plain with a square newel and balusters. The main parlor, the southeast room has an elaborate federal type mantel piece trimmed with beaded swags set in a central tablet and with oval, reeded attached colonettes. Interior window and door trim employs symmetrical moulding and decorated corner blocks.

Portions of the west section of the house display earlier forms of trim with pegged door and window frame joining trimmed with quarter round moulding. The earliest and westernmost portion of this section is erected directly over a spring. The spring room contains a large service fireplace.

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☒ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | lasophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone house is significant for its architecture. Constructed of stone, it represents several periods of building and shows the development from a primitive vernacular 18th century stone cabin to a larger more formal 19th century structure.

According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, the improvements on this property were erected by Stephen Martin who owned the farm from 1817 until his death in 1839. The appearance of the main section of this structure would suggest that it was built during this time period, probably after 1825. Martin purchased the property from his father-in-law Christian Good for \$21,060, a large sum of money at that time. Records indicate that Martin operated a distillery on the property. Bell also states that Christian Good resided at the site of the present improvements,<sup>(2)</sup> which suggests that Good may have erected the earlier portions of the west section of the present complex. Good, who was born in 1751 and died in 1820, is buried in a private cemetery located on a neighboring farm (See WA-I-154).

The house is significant because, with the exception of the installation of the Victorian period window sashes, it appears to retain much of its original interior and exterior wood work in each of its sections. The house, thus offers a basis for the study of development of styles in Washington County's vernacular architecture.

1. Herbert C. Bell, History Of Leitersburg District,  
Leitersburg, Md: Herbert C. Bell (1908) P.227

2. Ibid P. 192

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bell, Herbert C. History Of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg Md:  
Herbert C. Bell, 1908

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Manufacturer's Census, 1820.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **110.10 acres**

Acreage Justification:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: <b>Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant</b>		DATE <b>August 1975</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Washington County Historical Sites Survey</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Court House Annex</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>	STATE <b>Maryland</b>	

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Overhead are heavy puncheon logs set side by side which carry a layer of rock and mortar upon which rests the floor boards. This form of floor construction appears to be associated with certain 18th. century buildings in Washington County.

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 110.10 acres. Southwest of the house is a large frame bank barn and other structures related to agricultural use.

Liber Folio  
563/590

July 9, 1973

Grantors: Allan H. Eby & Naomi P. Eby  
Grantee: Robert Elder  
110 acres and 15 3/4 perches

Liber Folio  
244/216

October 31, 1947

Grantors: Inez Wishard & Walter H. Wishard  
Grantees: Allan H. Eby & Naomi P. Eby  
110 acres and 15 3/4 perches

Liber Folio  
222/264

April 1, 1943

Grantor: Abram Shank  
Grantee: Walter H. Wishard  
110 acres and 15 3/4 perches

Liber Folio  
189/637

November 17, 1931

Grantors: George V. Gardner & Emma F. Gardner  
Grantee: Abram Shank  
110 acres and 15 3/4 perches

Liber Folio  
167/560

March 3, 1924

Grantors: David C. Dayhoff & Helen J. Dayhoff  
Grantees: George V. Gardner & Emma F. Gardner  
\$12,000. 110 1/4 acres and 38 perches

Liber Folio  
124/681

November 16, 1906

Grantor: Jacob H. Wishard, Trustee  
Grantee: David C. Dayhoff  
\$6,656.86  
"Darlings Sale," "Wilkes and Liberty," "Webb's Discovery."  
110 1/4 acres and 38 perches

Liber Folio  
W. McKK3/270

January 12, 1871

Grantor: Daniel W. Durburow  
Grantee: Isaac H. Durburow  
\$5,000.

Liber Folio  
IN12/81

December 12, 1855

Grantor: Lewis Tuttle, Trustee  
Grantee: Isaac H. Durburow  
150 acres, 2 roods, and 31 perches

Liber Folio  
5/220

October, 1853

Complainents: Heirs of Stephen Martin

Liber Folio  
BB/988

April 26, 1817

Grantor: Christian Good  
Grantee: Stephen Martin  
\$21,060.

er Folio  
P./448

December 5, 1804

Grantor: Daniel Hughes

Grantee: Christian Good

£ 150 "Wilkes and Liberty Resurveyed." 34 acres

Liber Folio  
I,/688

April 16, 1796

Grantor: Pointon Charlton

Grantee: Christian Good

£ 3,300, Lot #4 and #6, "Darling's Sale," "Resurvey  
On Webb's Discovery." Approximately 120 acres.

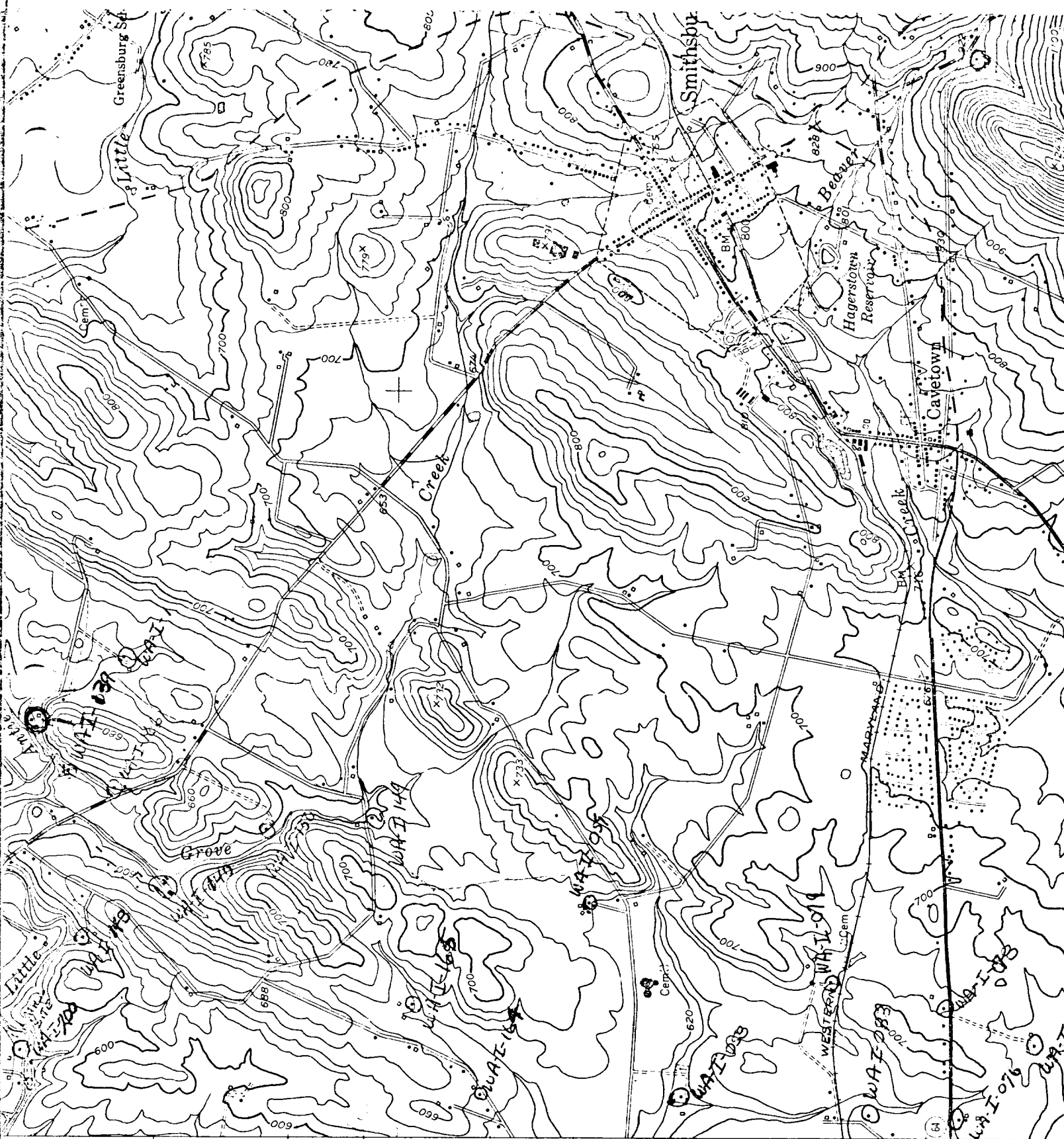
Liber Folio  
D./310

June 4, 1785

Grantor: John Hoover

Grantee: Christian Good

£ 420, Lot #2 in the "Resurvey Of Darling's Sale." 49 acres.



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